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Receiver for Roger S. Bliss, et al.

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

VS.

ROGER S. BLISS, et al.,

Defendants.

SEVENTH APPLICATION FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION OF RECEIVER AND PROFESSIONALS

Case No. 2:15-cv-00098-RJS

Judge Robert J. Shelby

Tammy B. Georgelas, the Court-appointed receiver (the "Receiver") for Roger S. Bliss ("Mr. Bliss"), Roger Bliss and Associates Equities, LLC, Roger Bliss and Associates Club LLC, and Bliss Club LLC, respectfully submits this Seventh Application for Interim Compensation of Receiver and Professionals (the "Seventh Fee Application"), seeking an order by the Court approving fees and expenses incurred by the Receiver and her attorneys, and approving fees and expenses incurred by her accountant Lone Peak Valuation Group ("Lone Peak"), for the period of November 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021 (the "Application Period"). Pursuant to the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC Billing Instructions"), the Receiver has already submitted this Fee

Application to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), along with all supporting invoices. The SEC reviewed the same, provided comments, and indicated it had no objection to the Fee Application. In support of the Seventh Fee Application, the Receiver states as follows:

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### The Receiver and Her Attorneys

- 1. On June 10, 2015, the Court entered an order appointing Tammy B. Georgelas as the Receiver for Roger S. Bliss, Roger Bliss and Associates Equities, LLC, Roger Bliss and Associates Club LLC, and Bliss Club LLC (collectively, the "Receivership Defendants"). *See* Order Appointing Receiver and Staying Litigation (the "Order Appointing Receiver"). [Dkt. No. 39].
- 2. The Court found that the appointment of a receiver was necessary and appropriate in this action for the purposes of marshaling and preserving all assets of the Receivership Defendants as well as the assets of any other entities or individuals that: (a) are attributable to funds derived from investor or clients of the Defendants; (b) are held in constructive trust for the Defendants; (c) were fraudulently transferred by the Defendants; and/or (d) may otherwise be includable as assets of the estates of the Defendants (collectively, the "Recoverable Assets"). *Id.* at 1.
- 3. On July 6, 2015 the Court entered an order approving of the employment of the Receiver's attorneys, which was effective as of the date of the Receiver's appointment. *See* Order Authorizing Engagement of Attorneys. [Dkt. No. 48.]
- 4. Prior to her appointment, the Receiver met with the SEC to discuss this matter and the scope of work anticipated. Sensitive to the main purposes of a receivership, which are to wind

down the estate and return the largest amount of funds to victims, the Receiver agreed to perform work at a discounted rate up to a total expense of \$250,000. Should she need to incur additional fees thereafter, the Receiver agreed that such work would be performed at a reduced rate of 50%, not to exceed an additional \$125,000. The Receiver agreed that any work performed beyond the \$375,000 would be at no cost to the estate. Thus, the cost to the estate for the Receiver and her counsel would be no more than \$375,000.

- 5. To help meet this arrangement, the Receiver agreed to reduce her rate to \$270/hour and Parsons Behle & Latimer agreed to discount its customary rates as follows: (a) a blended rate for paralegals and associates of \$210 per hour; and (b) hourly rates of between \$240 and \$380 for shareholders.
- 6. Below is a table providing the Fee Schedule of the Receiver's professionals and paraprofessionals who worked on this matter during the Application Period.

Timekeeper	Rate
Aaron M. Worthen	\$ 300.00
Alan S. Mouritsen	\$ 335.00
April M. Eggers	\$ 150.00
Brian M. Rothschild	\$ 360.00
Emily D. Holt	\$ 305.00
Jacqueline H. Pope	\$ 200.00
John E. Cutler	\$ 300.00
John L. Cooper	\$ 290.85
Jonathan H. Love	\$ 310.00
Jonathan R. Palmer	\$ 382.23
Julianne P. Blanch	\$ 380.00
Karthik Sonty	\$ 215.00
Katherine E. Venti	\$ 380.00
Lori Neilson	\$ 75.00
Roy Wang	\$ 215.00
Tammy B. Georgelas	\$ 270.00

- 7. When the Receiver first met with the SEC, the information available at the time indicated that the Receivership Defendants had losses of approximately \$3,300,000, owed to about 40 investors, and that Mr. Bliss would cooperate in the administration of the Receivership Estate.
- 8. Since the appointment of the Receiver, and after a thorough investigation by the SEC and the Receivership Team, it is now known that losses exceed \$21,000,000, affecting over 150 investors, and that Mr. Bliss was not cooperative in, and indeed actively thwarted, the administration of the estate.<sup>1</sup>
- 9. Although the complexity and sheer size of this case changed dramatically since she accepted her position, the Receiver and her team maintained their commitment to their agreement with the SEC and the Court to cap their fees at \$375,000. That cap was reached with the Third Fee Application filed in February 2017.
- 10. The SEC discussed the fee agreement with the Receiver, indicating a willingness to support a motion requesting authority from the Court to allow additional funds to pay the Receivership Team for their continued and vital work on the Receivership.
- 11. The Receiver filed a Motion for Authority to Allow Additional Funds with the Court on November 27, 2017. [Dkt. No. 194].
- 12. On December 20, 2017 the Court granted the motion, approving Receiver's request to set the rate for any future recovery at 75% for attorneys' fees and 100% for costs, and entered an Order Granting Motion for Authority to Allow Additional Funds and Receiver's Fourth Application for Interim Compensation of Receiver and Professionals. [Dkt No. 200].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As the Court is aware, Mr. Bliss was sentenced to a year in federal prison for perjury after lying to the Receiver and the Court about his assets.

# The Receiver's Accountants

- 13. In accordance with the Order Appointing Receiver, the Receiver has engaged and employed persons in her discretion to assist her in carrying out her duties and responsibilities, including but not limited to attorneys, auctioneers, appraisers, real estate agents, construction experts, and accountants (the "Receivership Team").
- 14. On March 17, 2016 the Court entered an order approving of the employment of the Receiver's accountants. *See* Order Granting Motion to Employ Accountants. [Dkt. No. 122].
- 15. As set forth in the Receiver's Motion to Employ Accountants, Lone Peak agreed to perform work in this matter at a discounted rate of 17%. The fee schedule for Lone Peak's employees is set forth below.

Timekeeper	Rate
Jeffrey Pickett	\$ 220.00
Zack McAdams	\$ 120.00
Tia Donohoe (Woodard)	\$ 120.00
Katy Bacca	\$ 120.00
Cristian Gomez	\$ 120.00

16. The Receiver respectfully submits this Seventh Interim Application to approve the Receivership Team's fees and costs during the Applicable Period. She asks that she be allowed to pay Lone Peak in full. She further requests that she be allowed to pay herself and her attorneys in accordance with the terms of the Order Granting Motion for Authority to Allow Additional Funds.

# **PRIOR FEE APPLICATIONS**

17. On May 5, 2016 the Receiver filed the First Application for Interim Compensation of Receiver and Professionals (the "First Fee Application"), requesting fees and costs for the Receivership Team in the amount of \$275,679.81 for work performed from June 1, 2015 to

February 29, 2016. [Dkt. No. 142].

- 18. The First Fee Application did not include a request for reimbursement for Lone Peak because the SEC, not the estate, bore the cost of the first \$80,000 worth of work performed by the accountant.
- 19. On May 9, 2016 the Court approved the requested fees and costs. *See* Order Granting Receiver's First Application for Interim Compensation of Receiver and Professionals. [Dkt. No. 144].
- 20. The Receiver paid the approved fees and costs from the Receivership Estate's bank account on May 10, 2016.
- 21. Due to the sensitive nature of the work performed by the Receivership Team, the Receiver requested permission from the Court to submit their detailed invoices *in camera*. The Court granted her request, and entered the Order Granting Motion to File All Future Fee Application Invoices in camera. [Dkt. No. 174.]
- 22. On October 27, 2016 the Receiver filed the Second Application for Interim Compensation of Receiver and Professionals (the "Second Fee Application"), requesting fees and costs for the Receiver's Team in the amount of \$94,854.22 for work performed from March 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016. [Dkt. No. 175].
- On October 31, 2016 the Court approved the requested fees and costs. [Dkt. No. 177].
- 24. The Receiver paid the approved fees and costs from the Receivership Estate's bank account on November 2, 2016.

- 25. On February 14, 2017 the Receiver filed the Third Application for Interim Compensation of Receiver and Professionals (the "Third Fee Application"), requesting fees and costs for the Receiver's Team in the amount of \$70,966.72 for work performed from October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. [Dkt. No. 189].
- 26. On February 28, 2017 the Court approved the requested fees and costs. [Dkt. No. 190].
- 27. Because of the cap from the Receiver's fee agreement with the SEC, the Receiver paid \$16,064.52 of the \$70,966.72 approved fees and costs from the Receivership Estate's bank account on March 17, 2017.
  - 28. As such, \$54,902.20 in approved fees went unpaid.
- 29. On November 27, 2017 the Receiver filed the Fourth Application for Interim Compensation of Receiver and Professionals (the "Fourth Fee Application"), requesting fees and costs for the Receiver and her attorneys in the amount of \$141,734.13 for work performed from January 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, and fees and costs for her accountants in the amount of \$7,232 during the same time period. [Dkt. No. 195].<sup>2</sup>
- 30. On December 15, 2017 the Court approved the requested fees and costs and granted her Motion for Authority to Allow Additional Funds [Dkt. No. 200], which authorized:
  - a) Payment of 75% of the \$54,902.20 in fees remaining from the Third Fee Application, totaling \$41,177.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Receiver asked the Court to approve all fees and costs in the Fourth Fee Application, and allow her to pay Lone Peak upon entry of the order. She asked that she be allowed to pay herself and her attorneys if the Court granted her Motion for Authority to Allow Additional Funds.

- b) Payment of 75% of the \$139,761 in fees from the Fourth Fee Application, totaling \$104,820.75.
- c) Payment of 100% of the costs from the Fourth Fee Application, totaling \$1,973.13.
- d) Payment of 100% of Lone Peak's fee and costs, totaling \$7,232.00.
- 31. The Receiver paid the approved fees and costs from the Receivership Estate's bank account on December 18, 2017.
- 32. On December 10, 2018 the Receiver filed the Fifth Application for Interim Compensation of Receiver and Professionals (the "Fifth Fee Application"), requesting approval of fees and costs for the Receiver and her attorneys in the amount of \$244,024.76 for work performed from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018, and that she be allowed to pay herself and her attorneys 75% of their fees and 100% of their costs, for a total of \$184,283.64. [Dkt. No. 247].
- 33. The Receiver further requested approval of fees and costs for her accountants in the amount of \$2,842.00 during the same time period, and that she be allowed to pay this sum in full. [*Id.*].
- 34. On December 12, 2018 the Court approved the requested fees and costs for the Receiver, her attorneys, and her accountants [Dkt. No. 248], and authorized payment as follows:
  - a) Payment of 75% of the \$238,964.50 in fees from the Fifth Fee Application, totaling \$179,223.38.
  - b) Payment of 100% of the costs from the Fifth Fee Application, totaling \$5,060.26.
  - c) Payment of 100% of Lone Peak's fee and costs, totaling \$2,842.00.
- 35. The Receiver paid the approved fees and costs from the Receivership Estate's bank account on December 13, 2018.

- 36. On December 4, 2020 the Receiver filed the Sixth Application for Interim Compensation of Receiver and Professionals (the "Sixth Fee Application"), requesting approval of fees and costs for the Receiver and her attorneys in the amount of \$282,612.52 for work performed from October 1, 2018 to October 31, 2020, and that she be allowed to pay herself and her attorneys 75% of their fees and 100% of their costs, for a total of \$212,832.40. [Dkt. No. 265].
- 37. The Receiver further requested approval of fees and costs for her accountants in the amount of \$11,349.00 during the same time period, and that she be allowed to pay this sum in full. [*Id.*].
- 38. On December 15, 2020 the Court approved the requested fees and costs for the Receiver, her attorneys, and her accountants [Dkt. No. 266], and authorized payment as follows:
  - a) Payment of 75% of the \$279,120.50 in fees from the Sixth Fee Application, totaling \$209,340.38.
  - b) Payment of 100% of the costs from the Sixth Fee Application, totaling \$3,492.02.
  - c) Payment of 100% of Lone Peak's fee and costs, totaling \$11,349.00.
- 39. The Receiver paid the approved fees and costs from the Receivership Estate's bank account on December 24, 2020.
- 40. To date, the Receiver and her attorneys have been paid \$909,561.51 in fees and \$22,123.96 in costs.
- 41. To date, the Receiver and her attorneys have incurred unpaid fees at the reduced rates noted above totaling \$178,186.67.
- 42. The detailed invoices comply with the requirements of the SEC Billing Instructions, and as explained above the Receiver has already submitted them to the SEC, which did not object

to the time spent in this matter. Summaries of the services provided during the Application Period are provided below.

### **CASE STATUS**

### A. <u>Unencumbered Funds</u>

- 1. The Estate currently holds liquid assets of \$397,129.52 from which all general operating and administrative expenses of the estate are paid (the "General Operating Account").<sup>3</sup> Standardized Fund Accounting Reports for the Application Period are attached as Exhibit A.
- 2. The funds on deposit have been obtained through marshalling Defendants' bank accounts, selling personal and real property, enforcing judgments obtained against Net Winners, and participating in numerous settlement conferences during the Application Period.
- 3. Because the Receiver has sold substantially all of the real and personal property of the Estate, administrative expenses such as utility bills and appraisal fees are *de minimus*.
- 4. On October 6, 2016, the Court approved the Plan for Claims Administration, Loss Allocation, and Distribution (the "Plan") and set the Claims Bar date for November 14, 2016. [Dkt. No. 166.]
- 5. As discussed below, the Receiver has made her Initial and Second Distributions from the unencumbered funds to victims in accordance with the Plan.

#### B. Case Administration

1. The Court is aware of the intricacies of this case via the Receiver's status reports,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As explained below, the Receiver recently made the Second Victim Distribution in the total amount of \$400,000; prior to that time the Estate held \$797,129.52 in liquid assets. Although not all checks have cleared the Receivership Estate's bank account, the \$400,000 has been deducted because payment has been tendered.

status hearings, notices of failure to comply with court orders, and the Court's own involvement in contempt hearings. The Receiver's reports and notices provide detailed information outlining steps she has taken in administering the estate. In the interest of saving time and expense to the estate, the Receiver refers back to those documents and provides below a summary of the work she has performed as required by the SEC Billing Instructions. *See* Notice of Apparent Failure of Roger S. Bliss to Comply with Court Order [Dkt. No. 57], Notice of Supplemental Notice of Apparent Failure of Roger S. Bliss to Comply with Court Order [Dkt. No 82], Preliminary Liquidation Plan and Status Report [Dkt. 90]; Quarterly Status Report [Dkt. 120], Third Quarterly Status Report [Dkt. No. 147], Fourth Quarterly Status Report [Dkt. No. 172]; Fifth Quarterly Status Report [Dkt. No. 186]; Sixth Quarterly Status Report [Dkt. No. 191]; Seventh Quarterly Status Report [Dkt. No. 193]; Eighth Status Report [Dkt. No 252]; and Ninth Status Report [Dkt. No. 316].

### C. Assets and Disposition Thereof

- 1. Soon after her appointment, the Receiver seized approximately \$795,000 from Mr. Bliss's personal bank account, which he had used to run his investment scheme. Those funds were deposited into the General Operating Account.
- 2. The Receiver has now marshalled and sold all personal property that has been acknowledged by the Receivership Defendants and related third parties. Sale of personal property provided a net profit to the estate of approximately \$475,000.
- 3. The Receiver has also marshalled and sold all real property of the estate. Sale of real property provided a net profit to the estate of \$1,382,315.49.

# D. <u>Liquidated and Unliquidated Claims</u>

- 1. After carefully considering the costs and benefits of third-party actions, the Receiver filed lawsuits against 43 Net Winners, including insiders, in June 2016 to return funds that could total several million dollars to the Receivership Estate.
- 2. Litigation in the net winner lawsuits did not progress for several years due to an extended stay to resolve the issue of standing in a separate but related lawsuit. Cases resumed after the Court ruled that the Receiver had standing to sue the net winners under Utah's Uniform Voidable Transactions Act and/or the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act. [Dkt. No. 241.]
- 3. By October 2020, the Receiver had resolved 34 of the lawsuits, resulting in payments to the Receivership Estate totaling \$443,964.45.
- 4. From November 2020 through January 2021, the Court entered Memorandum Decisions granting the Receiver's Motions for Summary Judgment in 4 of the net winner lawsuits, finding that the Bliss Entities did in fact operate as a Ponzi scheme and that the net winners are liable for the entirety of their net winnings.
- 5. Since those rulings, the Receiver has fully resolved 6 of the 9 remaining lawsuits, returning \$922,700 to the Receivership Estate during the Applicable Time Period. The Receiver continues to pursue the final 3 net winners, who in combination owe the victims over \$1,200,000.
- 6. In addition to pursuit of net winner claims, the Receiver previously negotiated an agreement with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to disgorge donations made by Roger Bliss totaling approximately \$178,000.

### E. Summary of Claims Proceedings

1. On October 11, 2016, the Court entered the Receiver's Plan for Claims

Administration, Loss Allocation, and Distribution and Set the Claims Bar Date for November 14, 2016. [Dkt. No. 170].

- 2. The following week, in accordance with the Plan, the Receiver mailed official Claim Forms to approximately 140 investors for whom she has valid postal addresses. These forms contained the Receiver's opinion about the Invested Amount and the Receiver Amount for each Investor's Claim.
- 3. The Receiver also provided notice to unknown claimants regarding the approval of the Plan and the Claims Bar Date in Intermountain Commercial Record and Salt Lake Times, a publication of general circulation in Salt Lake County, Utah; the Davis County Clipper, a publication of general circulation in Davis County, Utah; and The News-Examiner, a publication of general circulation in Bear Lake County, Idaho.
  - 4. Nearly all Claim Forms were timely returned by November 14, 2016.
- 5. The vast majority of the Claim Forms submitted agreed with the accounting provided by the Receivership Team.
- 6. The Receiver and her team worked diligently with the investors to resolve outstanding issues and obtain all necessary documentation.
- 7. This process resulted in the Receiver sending just two Claim Determination Notices, informing the investor of a disputed claim in accordance with the Plan.
- 8. On February 9, 2017 the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for Claim Resolution, denying investor Jams Percy's demand that she disgorge his \$1,000,000 investment made in February 2015. [Dkt. No. 187.] This ruling allowed the Receiver to include the \$1,000,000 at issue as part of the funds she distributed in her first interim distribution to investors.

- 9. The Receiver mailed the First Distribution checks to investors totaling \$2,409,093.10 on February 15, 2017. This distribution returned funds to investors such that every investor with an accepted claim received a return of at least 27.33% of his, her, or its total investment under a Rising Tide analysis.
- 10. On January 16, 2018 the Court granted the Receiver's Motion for Claim Resolution Regarding Investor Kevin Fortney, which resolved a dispute over the total amount of his investment into the scheme. [Dkt. No. 205.] The Court determined that Mr. Fortney's Invested Amount was \$120,600, instead of "\$400,000-\$500,000." This ruling allowed the Receiver to pursue \$545,900 against Mr. Fortney in a net winner lawsuit, instead of \$166,500.
- 11. The Receiver successfully resolved Mr. Fortney's lawsuit during the Applicable Time Period.
- 12. On December 17, 2021, Receiver mailed the Second Distribution checks to investors totaling \$400,000. This distribution returned funds to investors such that every investor with an accepted claim has now received a return of at least 30.84% of his, her, or its total investment under a Rising Tide analysis.

# REQUEST FOR COURT APPROVAL OF FEES AND EXPENSES

## A. The Receiver and Her Attorneys

The Receiver represents that: (i) the fees and expenses included herein were incurred in the best interests of the Receivership Estate; and (ii) with the exception of the Billing Instructions, the Receiver has not entered into any agreement, written or oral, express or implied, with any person or entity concerning the amount of compensation paid or to be paid from the Receivership Estate, or any sharing thereof.

The Receiver respectfully requests that the Court enter an order approving the fees and costs incurred by the Receiver and her attorneys on an interim basis. The fees incurred by the Receiver and her attorneys, categorized by task, are as follows:

	Receiver	Parsons, Behle & Latimer	
Task			Total Hours
Asset Analysis and	2.4	17.8	20.2
Recovery			
Asset Disposition	0	0	0
Case Administration	23.5	0.9	24.4
Claims Administration	0	0	0
and Objections			
Ancillary Litigation	337.6	483.3	820.9
Total Hours	363.5	502.0	865.5
Total Fees	\$98,145.00	\$161,798.00	\$259,943.00

An itemization of the work performed by individual is set forth below. This breakdown is supported by the detailed invoices already provided to the SEC and submitted directly to the Court *in camera* as Exhibit B.

Timekeeper	Hours	Rate	Total
Tammy B. Georgelas	363.5	\$ 270.00	\$98,145.00
Aaron M. Worthen	25.60	\$300.00	\$7,680.00
Alan S. Mouritsen	6.50	\$335.00	\$2,177.50
April M. Eggers	8.70	\$150.00	\$1,305.00
Brian M. Rothschild	123.40	\$360.00	\$44,424.00
Emily D. Holt	4.10	\$305.00	\$1,250.50
Jacqueline H. Pope	16.30	\$200.00	\$3,260.00
John E. Cutler	13.00	\$300.00	\$3,900.00
John L. Cooper	115.80	\$290.85	\$33,680.00
Jonathan H. Love	9.00	\$310.00	\$2,790.00
Jonathan R. Palmer	4.70	\$382.23	\$1,796.50
Julianne P. Blanch	40.20	\$380.00	\$15,276.00
Karthik Sonty	39.80	\$215.00	\$8,557.00

Katherine E. Venti	92.80	\$380.00	\$35,264.00
Lori Neilson	0.10	\$75.00	\$7.50
Roy Wang	2.00	\$215.00	\$430.00
Total	865.50		\$259,943.00

In addition, costs in the amount of \$6,124.89 have been incurred by the Receiver and her attorneys for expenses such as filing fees, transcript fees, photocopies, and postage.

The total amount of fees and costs incurred by the Receiver and her attorneys during this Application Period is \$266,067.89. The Receiver seeks approval of fees and costs in this amount.

## B. The Receiver's Accountant—Lone Peak Valuation Group

The Receiver further respectfully requests that the Court enter an order approving the fees and costs incurred by Lone Peak in the amount of \$2,915.00 on an interim basis, and authorizing payment from the Receivership Estate. An itemization of the work performed by individual is set forth below. This breakdown is supported by the detailed invoices already provided to the SEC and submitted directly to the Court *in camera* as Exhibit C.

Timekeeper	Hours	Rate	Total
Jeffrey Pickett	2.75	\$ 220.00	\$ 605.00
Zack McAdams	.75	\$ 120.00	\$ 90.00
Tia Donohoe/Woodard	2.25	\$ 120.00	\$ 270.00
Katy Bacca	1.75	\$ 120.00	\$ 210.00
Cristian Gomez	14.5	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,740.00
Total	65.7		\$ 2,915.00

# **CONCLUSION**

The Receiver respectfully requests that the Court grant this Seventh Application for Interim Compensation of Receiver and Professionals for Services Rendered from November 1, 2020

through November 30, 2021, and that the Court enter an Order approving all fees and costs herein

contained. The Receiver asks that she be allowed to pay Lone Peak the entire amount owed

(\$2,915.00) upon entry of the order. In accordance with the Order Granting Motion for Authority

to Allow Additional Funds [Dkt No. 200], the Receiver further asks that she be allowed to pay

herself and her attorneys 75% of their \$259,943.00 in fees (equal to \$194,957.25) and 100% of

their costs (\$6,124.89), for a total of \$201,082.14. A certification in compliance with the SEC

Billing Instructions is attached as Exhibit D.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 21st day of December, 2021.

PARSONS BEHLE & LATIMER

/s/ Tammy B. Georgelas

Tammy B. Georgelas

Receiver for Roger S. Bliss, et al.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 21st day of December, 2021, I caused the foregoing **SEVENTH APPLICATION FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION OF RECEIVER AND PROFESSIONALS** to be electronically filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

/s/ Tammy B. Georgelas

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Exhibit D—Certification

# Exhibit A

Standardized Fund Accounting Reports

Cash Receipts and Disbursements

For the Period October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

	October 1, 2020	
	through December 31,	Receive
Beginning Balance:	2020 \$ 102,746.63	Cumula \$
	,-	•
Cash Receipts Business Income	_	
Cash and Securities	-	898,9
Interest/Dividend Income	-	050,5
Business Asset Liquidation	-	
Personal Asset Liquidation		1,860,0
Third-Party Litigation Income	-	
Net Winner Settlements	679,500.00	1,123,4
Other Settlements	-	177,9
Miscellaneous - Other	-	
Total Cash Receipts	679,500.00	4,060,4
Cash Disbursements		
Disbursements to Investors	-	2,403,6
Disbursements for Receivership Operations		
Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals	224,181.40	1,008,1
Business Asset Expenses	,	,,
Personal Asset Expenses	100.00	76,2
Investment Expenses		
Third-Party Litigation Expenses		
1. Attorney Fees		
2. Litigation Expenses		14,4
Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds		
Federal and State Tax Payments		
Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund:		
Distribution Plan Development Expenses:		
1. Fees:		
Fund Administrator		
Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)		
Distribution Agent		
Consultants		
Legal Advisors		
Tax Advisors		
Administration Expenses:     Miscellaneous		
Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:		
1. Fees:		
Fund Administrator		
IDC		
Distribution Agent		
Consultants		
Legal Advisors		
Tax Advisors		
2. Administration Expenses		
3. Investor Identification:		
Notice/Publishing Approved Plan		
Claimant Identification		
Claims Processing		
Web Site Maintenance/Call Center		
4. Fund Administrator Bond		
5. Miscellaneous		
6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reporting		
Expenses		
Disbursements to Court/Other:		
Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment System		
(CRIS) fees		
Federal Tax Payments		
Total Disbursements	224,281.40	3,502,4
Ending Cash Balance	557,965.23	557,9
Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets:		
Bank Statement Balance		569,3
Unposted Deposits		
Uncleared Funds		(11,3
Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets (Check register)		557,9

**Cash Receipts and Disbursements** 

For the Period January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

	Januray 1, 202	1
	through	Receiv
	March 31, 202	
Beginning Balance:	\$ 557,965.2	23 \$
Cash Receipts		
Business Income	_	
Cash and Securities	_	898
Interest/Dividend Income	_	030
Business Asset Liquidation		
Personal Asset Liquidation		1,860
Third-Party Litigation Income		1,800
Net Winner Settlements	89,000.0	00 1,212
Other Settlements	200.0	
	200.0	00 178
Miscellaneous - Other		
Total Cash Receipts	89,200.0	00 4,149
Cash Disbursements		
Disbursements to Investors	-	2,403
Disbursements for Receivership Operations		
Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals	-	1,008
Business Asset Expenses		,
Personal Asset Expenses	30.0	00 76
Investment Expenses		
Third-Party Litigation Expenses		
1. Attorney Fees		
Litigation Expenses		14
Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds		17
Federal and State Tax Payments		
Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund:		
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Distribution Plan Development Expenses:		
1. Fees:		
Fund Administrator		
Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)		
Distribution Agent		
Consultants		
Legal Advisors		
Tax Advisors		
2. Administration Expenses:		
3. Miscellaneous		
Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:		
1. Fees:		
Fund Administrator		
IDC		
Distribution Agent		
Consultants		
Legal Advisors		
Tax Advisors		
2. Administration Expenses		
3. Investor Identification:		
Notice/Publishing Approved Plan Claimant Identification		
Claims Processing		
Web Site Maintenance/Call Center		
4. Fund Administrator Bond		
5. Miscellaneous		
6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reporting		
Expenses		
Disbursements to Court/Other:		
Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment System		
Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment System (CRIS) fees		
(CRIS) fees	30.0	00 3,502
(CRIS) fees Federal Tax Payments	30.0 647,135.2	

Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets:	
Bank Statement Balance	647,135.23
Unposted Deposits	-
Uncleared Funds	-
Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets (Check register)	647,135.23

**Cash Receipts and Disbursements** 

For the Period April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021

	April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021	Receivershi Cumulative
Beginning Balance:	\$ 647,135.23	\$ -
Cash Receipts		
Business Income	=	-
Cash and Securities	-	898,934.
Interest/Dividend Income	=	-
Business Asset Liquidation	-	-
Personal Asset Liquidation		1,860,071.
Third-Party Litigation Income	-	-
Net Winner Settlements	154,000.00	1,366,464
Other Settlements	-	178,100
Miscellaneous - Other	-	77
Total Cash Receipts	154,000.00	4,303,647
Cash Disbursements		
Disbursements to Investors	_	2,403,626
Disbursements for Receivership Operations		2, 103,020
	_	1 008 195
Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals	-	1,008,195 37
Business Asset Expenses	30.00	76,264
Personal Asset Expenses	30.00	76,264
Investment Expenses		
Third-Party Litigation Expenses		
1. Attorney Fees		
2. Litigation Expenses		14,418
Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds		
Federal and State Tax Payments		
Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund:		
Distribution Plan Development Expenses:		
1. Fees:		
Fund Administrator		
Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)		
Distribution Agent		
Consultants		
Legal Advisors		
Tax Advisors		
2. Administration Expenses:		
3. Miscellaneous		
Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:		
1. Fees:		
Fund Administrator		
IDC		
Distribution Agent		
Consultants		
Legal Advisors		
Tax Advisors		
2. Administration Expenses		
3. Investor Identification:		
Notice/Publishing Approved Plan		
Claimant Identification		
Claims Processing		
Web Site Maintenance/Call Center		
Fund Administrator Bond		
5. Miscellaneous		
6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reporting		
Expenses		
Disbursements to Court/Other:		
Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment System		
(CRIS) fees		
(CRIS) fees Federal Tax Payments	30.00	3.502 542
(CRIS) fees	30.00 801,105.23	3,502,542 801,105

Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets:	
Bank Statement Balance	801,105.23
Unposted Deposits	-
Uncleared Funds	-
Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets (Check register)	801,105.23

**Cash Receipts and Disbursements** 

For the Period July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021

	July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021	Receiversh Cumulative
Beginning Balance:	\$ 801,105.23	\$
Cash Receipts		
Business Income	-	
Cash and Securities	-	898,934
Interest/Dividend Income	-	
Business Asset Liquidation	-	
Personal Asset Liquidation		1,860,071
Third-Party Litigation Income	-	
Net Winner Settlements	-	1,366,464
Other Settlements	-	178,100
Miscellaneous - Other		77
Total Cash Receipts		4,303,647
Cash Disbursements		
Disbursements to Investors	3,948.71	2,407,575
Disbursements for Receivership Operations		
Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals	-	1,008,195
Business Asset Expenses		3
Personal Asset Expenses	27.00	76,29
Investment Expenses		
Third-Party Litigation Expenses		
1. Attorney Fees		
2. Litigation Expenses		14,418
Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds		
Federal and State Tax Payments		
Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund:		
Distribution Plan Development Expenses:		
1. Fees:		
Fund Administrator		
Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)		
Distribution Agent		
Consultants		
Legal Advisors		
Tax Advisors		
2. Administration Expenses:		
3. Miscellaneous		
Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:		
1. Fees:		
Fund Administrator		
IDC		
Distribution Agent		
Consultants		
Legal Advisors		
Tax Advisors		
2. Administration Expenses		
3. Investor Identification:		
Notice/Publishing Approved Plan		
Claimant Identification		
Claims Processing		
Web Site Maintenance/Call Center		
4. Fund Administrator Bond		
5. Miscellaneous		
6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reporting		
Expenses		
Disbursements to Court/Other:		
Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment System		
(CRIS) fees		
Federal Tax Payments		
Total Disbursements	3,975.71	3,506,517
Ending Cash Balance	797,129.52	797,129
Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets:		
Bank Statement Balance		797,129
Unposted Deposits		
Uncleared Funds		
Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets (Check register)		797,129

# Exhibit B

Detailed Invoices for Parsons, Behle & Latimer
Submitted to the Court *in camera* 

# Exhibit C

Detailed Invoices for Lone Peak Valuation Group

Submitted to the Court *in camera* 

# Exhibit D

Certification

## **CERTIFICATION**

- I, Tammy B. Georgelas, the Court-appointed Receiver in <u>Securities and Exchange</u> <u>Commission v. Roger S. Bliss, et al</u>, Civil Action No. 2:15-cv-00098-RJS, and hereby certify that:
  - (a) I have read the Application;
  - (b) To the best of the Applicant's knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the Application and all fees and expenses therein are true and accurate and comply with the Billing Instructions;
  - (c) All fees contained in the Application are based on the rates listed in the Applicant's fee schedule attached hereto and such fees are reasonable, necessary and commensurate with the skill and experience required for the activity performed;
  - (d) I have not included in the amount for which reimbursement is sought the amortization of the cost of any investment, equipment, or capital outlay (except to the extent that any such amortization is included within the permitted allowable amounts set forth herein for photocopies and facsimile transmission);
  - (e) In seeking reimbursement for a service which the Applicant justifiably purchased or contracted for from a third party (such as copying, imaging, bulk mail, messenger service, overnight courier, computerized research, or title and lien searches), the Applicant requests reimbursement only for the amount billed to the Applicant by the third-party vendor and paid by the Applicant to such vendor. If such services are performed by the Receiver, the Receiver will certify it is not making a profit on such reimbursable service; and
  - (f) With respect to any charges for litigation, I have determined that the litigation is likely to produce a net economic benefit to the estate, based on reviews of: (i) the legal theories upon which the action was based, including issues of standing; (ii) the likelihood of collection on any judgment which might be obtained; and (iii) alternative methods of seeking the relief, such as the retention of counsel on a contingency basis.

Dated this 15th day of December 2021.

Tammy B. Georgelas, Receiver